

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling  
July 8, 2021

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting of the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling was called to order by Lori Cleveland, Chair, at 9:03 a.m., in the Lower Level A, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were 1) mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, and 2) posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx> and on the bulletin board in the Licensure Unit Lobby on 6.30.2021.

The following members answered roll call:

**Members Present (5):**

Christine Chasek, Member  
Lori Cleveland, Chair  
Jill Colegrove, Member  
Victor Gehrig, Member  
Mary Sneckenberg, Member

**Members Absent (3):**

Brian Bierschenk, Member  
Amy Eigenberg, Vice Chair  
Natasha Robinson, Member

**Staff and Others Present (7):**

Kris Chiles, Program Manager, Licensure Unit  
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General  
Trevor Klaassen, DHHS Investigations

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Gehrig moved, seconded by Colegrove, to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Eigenberg, Gehrig (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Robinson, Sneckenberg (3). Motion carried.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Gehrig moved, seconded by Chasek, to approve the minutes of 1.14.2021. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Eigenberg, Gehrig (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Robinson, Sneckenberg (3). Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Gehrig moved, seconded by Chasek, to approve the minutes of 4.8.2021. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Eigenberg, Gehrig (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Robinson, Sneckenberg (3). Motion carried.

**4. INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS & OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**  
**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Colegrove moved, seconded by Gehrig, to enter into closed session at 9:09 a.m. to hear discussions of investigative/confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputations of the individuals. Cleveland repeated the motion purpose. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Eigenberg, Gehrig (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Robinson, Sneckenberg (3). Motion carried.

9:09 a.m. Colegrove exited the meeting – conflict of interest  
9:31 a.m. Colegrove entered the meeting and Klaassen exited the meeting

10:41 a.m. BREAK  
10:58 a.m. Meeting Resumed  
11:01 a.m. Lester exited the meeting  
11:04 a.m. Suzanna Glover-Ettrich joined the meeting by phone  
11:20 a.m. Glover-Ettrich exited the meeting

11:20 a.m. After Board Member agreement, Cleveland stated the meeting is now in open session

## **5. REVIEW, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORT OUT**

### **OPEN SESSION: Applications, Summary of Mail Ballot Votes and Reinstatements**

Applications with convictions

#### **Stephanie Magallan Zepeda, PLADC Applicant**

**MOTION:** Gehrig moved, seconded by Eigenberg, to recommend issuing the license with no terms or conditions. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Eigenberg, Gehrig (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Robinson, Sneckenberg (3). Motion carried.

#### **Amy Case, PLADC Applicant**

**MOTION:** Colegrove moved, seconded by Chasek, to recommend issuing the license with no terms or conditions. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Eigenberg, Gehrig (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Robinson, Sneckenberg (3). Motion carried.

#### **Deneen Denny – PLADC Applicant**

**MOTION:** Colegrove moved, seconded by Eigenberg, to defer the recommendation and request additional information. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Eigenberg, Gehrig (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Robinson, Sneckenberg (3). Motion carried.

#### **Abigail Marie Frank, PLADC Applicant**

**MOTION:** Gehrig moved, seconded by Eigenberg, to recommend issuing the license with no terms or conditions. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Eigenberg, Gehrig (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Robinson, Sneckenberg (3). Motion carried.

#### **Trina Wells, LADC Applicant**

**MOTION:** Colegrove moved, seconded by Gehrig, to recommend a 5-year probationary license with the following terms/conditions: abstain from alcohol and controlled substances, random body fluid screens, comply with all treatment recommendations made by treatment provider and those in the future, and standard terms and conditions of probation. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Eigenberg, Gehrig (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Robinson, Sneckenberg (3). Motion carried.

#### **Amber Leighty – PLADC Applicant**

**MOTION:** Eigenberg moved, seconded by Gehrig, to defer the recommendation and request additional information. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Eigenberg, Gehrig (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Robinson, Sneckenberg (3). Motion carried.

#### **Amber Gagne, PLADC Applicant**

**MOTION:** Chasek moved, seconded by Colegrove, to recommend issuing the license with no terms or conditions. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Eigenberg, Gehrig (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Robinson, Sneckenberg (3). Motion carried.

#### **Jennifer Woody, PLADC Applicant**

**MOTION:** Gehrig moved, seconded by Chasek, to recommend denial of the license, due to: Conviction History and the Nature of the Convictions, Currently on Supervised Release with the US District Court, History of Substance Use, and Lack of Good Character. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Eigenberg, Gehrig (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Robinson, Sneckenberg (3). Motion carried.

#### Un-registered Supervisor Clinical Hours

##### **Dalila Hrustemovic, LADC Applicant**

**MOTION:** Gehrig moved, seconded by Colegrove, to deny the request to accept hours earned towards the LADC that the supervisor was not registered with the Department. Basis for recommendation: the hours were earned prior to the effective date of the June 15, 2021 revised regulations and the regulations at the time of earning the hours required the supervisor to be registered in order for the hours to count towards licensure. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Eigenberg, Gehrig (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Robinson, Sneckenberg (3). Motion carried.

##### **Regulations effective December 12, 2007 to June 15, 2021**

**15-003.09 Clinical Supervision:** A provisional licensee may not render services without clinical supervision as set out in this section.

Work experience where a qualified supervisor has not been registered with the Department, in accordance with this section, will not be accepted towards a license as an alcohol and drug counselor.

#### Reinstatements

##### **Michel Rolland, LADC Reinstatement (early release)**

**MOTION:** Gehrig moved, seconded by Eigenberg, to deny the application for reinstatement (early release from probation) based on: Insufficient time passed to sustain recovery and Insufficient documentation submitted to ensure public safety. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Eigenberg, Gehrig (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Robinson, Sneckenberg (3). Motion carried.

#### **6. UPDATES REPORTS**

- a. COVID 19: Executive Orders and FAQ's <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/COVID-19-Nebraska-Guidance-Documents.aspx>

Chiles reported that updated information relating to the current State of Emergency, Executive Orders, and Directed Health Measures can be viewed on the website.

##### **b. Discussion Relating to Developing a Jurisprudence Examination**

Discussion deferred

##### **c. Justice Behavioral Health Committee Report**

Discussion deferred

##### **d. International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) <https://internationalcredentialing.org>**

Robinson was not present to provide an update.

##### **e. Reports: Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Actions, License Statistics, Examination Statistics, and Administrative Fees:**

Reports were included as part of the meeting agenda.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Cleveland noted that the October meeting was changed to October 14; there being no further business to discuss she declared the meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Lori Cleveland, Chair  
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling

Summarized by:  
Kris Chiles, Program Manager, Licensure Unit